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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Of course, originally, Community Project areas were selected from out of areas with an assured water-supply. But I may tell the House that National Extension Service Scheme is also successful in dry areas like the one which is represented by the hon. Member."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of reducing the people's contribution in highly undeveloped areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The contribution expected of the people is not necessarily 50 per cent. It is sometimes less than 50 per cent."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, சமுதாய நல அபிவிருத்தித் திட்ட வேலைகளையும் தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்பு திட்ட வேலைகளையும் நடத்துவதற்கு தகுதியுடையவர்களையெல்லாம் வேலைக்கு சேர்த்துக்கொள்ள உடனடியாக கலெக்டர் அவர்களுக்கு உத்தரவு அனுப்பி அவைகளை நல்ல முறையில் நடத்துவதற்கு வேண்டிய காரியங்களை எல்லாம் செய்வார்களா? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whatever the hon. Member suggests is already being done, Sir."

### *Admission of Muslim candidates to the Government Medical Colleges.*

* 95 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) the number of candidates selected for admission to the M.B.B.S. class in the Government Medical Colleges in the State in the last selection ;

(*b*) the number of Muslim candidates who applied for admission ;

(*c*) the number of Muslim applicants belonging to Backward Classes ;

(*d*) the number of candidates who were selected from among the candidates under clauses (*b*) and (*c*) ;

(*e*) the number of candidates who had secured the marks prescribed by the rules for eligibility for admission among the candidates under (*b*) and (*c*) ; and

(*f*) the number of those who had secured first classes in the Intermediate examination among the candidates under (*b*) and (*c*); and who were not selected?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 286.

" (*b*) *to* (*f*) In view of the Constitutional changes and judicial decisions, no column has been provided in the application forms issued from 1952–53 onwards, for the specification of the sub-community to which the candidates belong. The column seeking information regarding the candidates' religion has also been omitted from this year. Candidates are now

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required to state only whether they belong to the Backward or Scheduled Classes, or not. Hence information regarding the number of Muslim candidates who applied for selection and who were selected for admission during 1954–55 is not available. Except Labbais and Mappillas Muslims as a whole do not come under the category of Backward Classes. It is considered that the time and labour involved in the collection of the particulars required will not be worthwhile.''

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—'' May I know, Sir, whether the Constitution or the precedents of the High Courts precludes or prevents the collection of statistics in respect of candidates who apply for admission to the Medical Colleges with reference to the community and religion to which they belong? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' Sir, reservation is made only for Scheduled Castes and Tribes and for the Backward Classes. So it is considered unnecessary to state in the application form the religion, the caste or the community to which the candidates belong.''

*Extension of power supply in Tiruchirappalli district.*

* 96 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of schemes, if any, in Tiruchirappalli district requiring the installation of thermal sets of sizes ranging from 500 K.W. to 2,500 K.W. recommended by the Government to Planning Commission in pursuance of the Commission's letter No. PC (VI)L(E)/1-5-54, dated 23rd March 1954, regarding power facilities ;

(*b*) the number and names of schemes, if any, in Tiruchirappalli district requiring the extension of transmission and distribution lines from existing sources of supply recommended by Government in the same connection ;

(*c*) the extent of loan required from the Central Government for the schemes mentioned in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) ;

(*d*) whether the Government have advanced any loan to the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Tiruchirappalli, on the basis of assistance made available by the Central Government for utilising power for irrigation purposes, pumping, etc., in rural areas in Tiruchirappalli district ; and

(*e*) if so, the amount of the loan?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' (*a*) There are no such schemes in this State.

'' (*b*) The scheme for changeover of the Erode-Tiruchirappalli third circuit line to 110 K.V. operation under which considerable additional power can be made available for distribution in Tiruchirappalli district and another general scheme for distribution of power over the entire State, including extension